ZION PUPILS LEARN **OUR WORLD IS FLAT**

Voliva's Belief on 'Saucer With Rim of Ice' Fed to Children.

TEACHERS SUPPORT IT

Sun Smaller Than Earth and Near at Hand, Is Holding.

GLOBE IDEA DISLIKED

Plane Theory More Valuable to Students-Test Proposed for 'Doubters.'

Zion, Ill., Oct. 18 .- Zion schools. which Wilbur Glenn Vollva, overseer of the colony, is president, have adopted his new theories of a flat world and the absence of gravitation. The 1,000 grade and high school pupils believe them implicitly, according to

The public school maintained by the State Board of Education and attended by the children of non-members of Voliva's Christian-Cathelic Apostolic Church still teaches, however, that the world is a globe moving through limitless space and that it was the attraction of gravity which caused the

Voliva, is the ice barrier which keeps mariners from falling off the edge of his flat world.

The Christopher projection was made thirty years ago, prior to the discovery of the south pole and before much was known about the Antarctic regions, so only a bare outline of portions of the southern ice land is shown.

Miss Mary Thompson, principal of the Zion school system, and an ardent believer in the Voliva theories, has propunded a question which she believes will trip scientists and navigators. Showing on her flat map that the tropic of Cancer, 43 degrees from the north pole, was a much smaller circle than the tropic of Capricorn, 47 degrees farther away, Miss Thompson says:

"Navigators on a globular earth would find if they were to sail completely around either of these tropics that they would be identically the same length. On a flat earth, however, the tropic of Capricorn would be much larger than the tropic of Cancer, and would take much longer to sail around, because on a flat earth Cancer would be nearer the centre, or north pole. Why don't some of the globular earth helievers try sailing around the two tropics and find out whether they or we are correct? The globular people certainly can't prove curvature of the

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Miss Eva Baker, teacher of geography, demonstrates to her classes that the sun is only a tiny orb a few thousand miles away, instead of an orb millions of miles in diameter and 21,000,000 miles from the earth.

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If the sun were so large, she says, it would light up all the world, instead of confining its hottest rays to a 3,000 mile wide belt between the two tropics. Vollva, himself, in a recent sermon at Shiloh Tabelnacle, said God certainly would not have made a sun to light the world and then placed it so far away.

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"A man would be a fool," the overseer added, "to build a house in Zion and place his parlor light in Kenosha, Wis."

Miss Thompson, principal of the schools, says the children prefer their new flat world to the old fashioned round one in which Columbus believed. "The students oin Zion schools," she says, "grasp the theory of the flat certh readily because their minds are not full of globular earth teaching such as older folks have had drilled into them. Therefore they accept the flat carth teaching without questioning, not because they have to, but because it appeals to them as rational. I don't believe there is one student in the grades who has questioned it. The flat earth seems more reasonable to them. The globular seems unreal."

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Wilbur Glenn Voliva, who succeeded John Alexander Dowie as overseer of Zion on the latter's death in March, 1997, was born near Newton, Ind., March 19, 1870. In 1897 he received bis B. A. from Hiram College, Ohio, and in the same year a degree from Union Christian College at Merom, Ind. In 1889 he had been ordsined a minister in the Christian Church at the age of 19, and held a pastorate at Linden, Ind., from 1889 to 1892; Urbana, Ill., 1892-93; studied theology at Stanfordville, N. Y. 1893-94 and supplied the pulpit of Chestnut Street Christian Church at Aibany, N. Y.; filled a pulpit at York Harbor, Me., the following year, and was pastor of the Christian Church at Washington Court House, Ohlo, in 1867-29.

In 1899 Voliva joined Dowie's church and was ordained an elder and placed in charge of the Zion Tabernacle in Chicago.

EX-BALLPLAYER ACCUSED.

Providence, Oct. 18.—William (Wild Bill) Glennoh, fifteen years ago shortstop on the Boston Red Sox baseball team, was in the Superior Court here to-day to plead to two Grand Jury indictments cherging him with breaking and entering and conspiracy to rob. He denied both charges and was held in hall aggregating \$7,500 for trial October \$1.

ber 31.
Glennon with others is alleged to have broken into the Glengarry Mills at Burrillville last June and to have stolen valuable cloth.

WINTER WILL BE COLD, RAIL EXPERT PREDICTS

Dr. P. A. Dudley, Consulting Engineer of New York Central, Bases Belief on Tendency of Temperature to Equalize Itself on the Average.

Dr. P. H. Dudley, consulting engineer to that department of the New York Central Railroad which is responsible for rails, tires and steel structure generally—all of which is as responsive to heat and cold as an seolian harp is to wind—made up his forecast for the winter yesterday and predicted that it would be cold.

He has served the railroad in this fashion for the last dozen years and has called the turn so far in his prognostications. When weather is freezing rails are affected greatly, and when rails are affected so is the whole railroad gystem.

In his report yesterday Dr. Dudley set forth that it was almost certain to be cold, because last winter and all of this year so far has been away above normal in temperature, and figures for forty years, on which Dr. Dudley releas for this and other years to come, bear out the theory that when temperature is either above or below what it should be for any length of time equalization is bound to set in.

"The accumulated excess of temperature is all and the purposes of a railroad we will assume so with sufficient confidence to be fully prepared for it." James H. Scarr, head of the Weather Bureau, said after Dr. Dudley see for any length of time equalization is bound to set in.

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"The accumulated excess of temperature is either above the monthly normal for the highest of any period in ten years. So far the records show an excess of about 1,300 degrees, or about four degrees to the balanced by excess cold, but experience shows that nature generally works that way."

FUSION ASKS FUNDS

Coalition Campaign 'Broke' and With Expenses Piling

ago.

Centrary to report that the flattery of William Randolph Hearst and Mayor Hylan had won President F. H. La Guardia of the Board of Aldermen away from the advocacy of President Curran, Mr. La Guardia declared yesterday he was restive to get into the campaign. Before going away for a week to recuperate from a recent operation he said:

traction of gravity which caused the apple to fall on Issae Newton's head.

At the Zion schools the new course of the property of the property

tion he said:
"I am heart and soul for the election

FAILURES ON HYLAN

Garyized, He Says, as Parents Cheer.

tion and where they are forced to sit in unsanitary rooms—the teachers have been called together and instructed that they must help Mayor Hylan cover up this ghastly state of affairs. How?

"They have been told that every visitors day they are to take so many children out into the streets and lead them on long walks, leaving behind in the class rooms only the normal number of children. And then, although the visitors know that the schools are overcrowded, they do not actually see the overcrowding. Mayor Hylan hopes they will go away from these schools thinking that after all conditions must have been exaggerated by the newspapers and the

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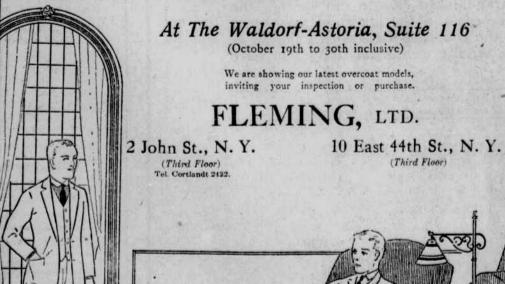
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GILROY PINS SCHOOL

Present System Worse Than

"Four years ago Mayor Hylan went about warning the people of this city what an evil thing it would be to subject their children to education under the Gary system," cried Vincent Gilroy, conlition candidate for President of the coalition candidate for President of Board of Aldermen, in two speeches last

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"He declared that the Gary system was the tool of the capitalist class to breed generations of mill and factory workers; that it was undemocratic and that it deprived the youth of America of his chance to rise above his environment. I helped Hylan fight the Gary system.

"Yet to-day this same Hylan has brought the affairs of this city to a pass where our school system is infinitely worse off than though it were Garyized. One-third of our children are getting either no education at all or a makeshift education that is about equivalent to none. These unfortunate children are not educated to go into the mill, the factory or anywhere else. They are being left in the utter dark.

"And this because of the inefficiency of a man who promised a seat in school for every child.

"He will not admit these conditions. I have been told that in the schools where the conditions are worst—where the children are crowded unto suffocation and where they are forced to sit in unsanitary rooms—the teachers have been called together and instructed that

I supported him. I was deluded by his promises. He has broken every pledge he made and has surrendered himself completely to the dominating influence of Murphy. Hylan's list of commissioners is dominated by Tammany leaders who cringingly acknowledge the leadership of Murphy. They are nothing more than his office boys.

"Mayor Hylan's own Police Commissioner has managed to save \$100,000 in four years on a salary of \$7,500 a year. I would like to know how to do this myself. Possibly Commissioner Enright received advice from Gen. T. Coleman du Pont, head of the powder trust, and Allan Ryan, who gives out such good tips on the market, both of them Deputy Police Commissioner is evidently more devoted to the stock ticker than to the detection of crime, as its rate of increase here shows.

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I supported him. I was broken every pledge transfer points have been fined as immost everywhere in the city. To-day the transfer points have been timed by 'Wall Street' or the 'interest' Mayor Hylan complains of? No, by order of Lewis Nixon, the Tammany head of the Public Service Commission, and Hylan never made a move to check him. I charge him now with bad faith in the transit issue. Instead of acting, he was talking."

Mr. Gilroy quoted Comptroller Craig as saying the city had put \$25,000,000 into equipment for the transit lines and that they were already in default on terms of the contract.

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We have many men roaming around to-day looking for work, as the phrase goes. They are not afraid of work. They will go to sleep right alongside of it. The wake of a big war always emphasizes the existence of a non-laboring element. Perhaps we incline to pay too much attention to the existence of such conditions. The Harriman National Bank months ago expressed doubt as to the non-employment figures of 5,750,000 in round numbers, now officially reduced to 1,000,000.

There are specialists among the "sons of rest" as there are among the honest sons of toil. The parks are filled with men who might work, but would pick and choose the kind they will accept. Most of them disdain manual labor or labor that would take them out of the city's activities and attractions-free food, free beds, free entertainment.

How to separate the wheat from the chaff is the problem. After sifting, each case should be tested and recorded, but there should be no doling. England has exemplified that curse. Besides, we already have a modified way-with our public employees.

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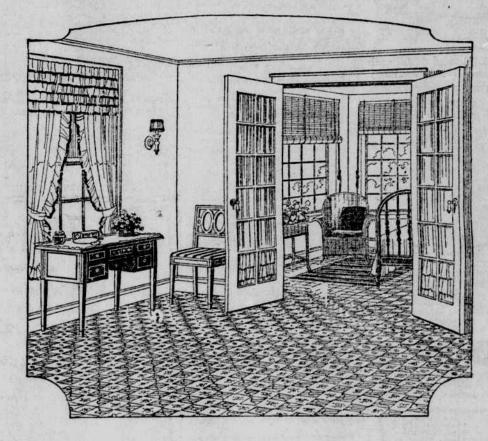
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